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Tapping the Trinity River

The Reclamation Bureau will step up one rung on the "ladder of the rivers" when it taps the Trinity River in Northern California and diverts its waters into the Sagramento. It will be a major engineering job embracing a 450,000 cut. ft. earth and rockfill dam across the Trinity, tunnels through mountain ridges and installation of three power plants. The diversion will add 1,190,000 acre-feet of water to the Central Valley project, which serves the Sacramento Valley and by lifts into canals increases the water supply in the San Joaquin Valley.

Power generating capacity is estimated at 233,000 kilowatts. An argument developed over who should develop and use this power, the government or a private corporation. Pacific Gas & Electric made a very good proposal to the government so the bill provides that the Interior Department shall make an investigaton and report to the Congress on the PGE offer. Congress itself will make the final decision.

The Trinity project is the only large one authorized for the Bureau at the last session of Congress. It is a modest beginning on what was originally proposed by Bureau engineers: the tapping of the waters of the Columbia for use in California. Since the Trinity is strictly a California stream no objection was raised in Oregon, but any attempt to mount the second rung of the ladder and capture waters of the Klamath in Oregon will meet with strong resistance.

Removing the Hairpins

Highway reconstruction consists often in taking out the hairpins (sharp curves). The job is in process of being completed on Highway 99 through Southern Oregon. It has been finished from Portland to The Dalles on Highway 30, and this week the hairpins will be taken out of Highway 30 east of Pendleton up Emigrant hill into the Blue Mts. But not all. Four nine-degree curves will remain in the 15-mile stretch of the new highway. Maximum grade is 5.2 per cent, reports the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Motorists coming out of the mountains to the head of Emigrant hill are confronted with a marvellous change of scenery. Instead of the forested mountains and the open pine parks of the summit there is a great spread of rolling hills devoted to wheat raising and grazing. The farm land is checkerboarded with summerfallow and growing grain or stubble. In the distance forest fringes mark the high elevations of the Blues extending southwestward, and beyond the wheat country loom the Cascades through whose gate flows the Columbia to drain all that vast in-

The highway engineers are taking the hairpins out. That may give a driver a few more seconds to glance at the scenery, but such is the grade that the motorist had best pull to the roadside and feast his eyes on the landscape rather than trust too much to the modernized highway.

Doug McKay, accustomed to the very placid pace of politics in Oregon, has found those boys play rough back at Washington.

Passenger Trains and the PUC

Vexed because the lower court in Marion County ruled the Public Utilities Commissioner lacked power to suspend dropping of passenger trains by railroads, prior to a hearing, Editor Ruhl of the Medford Mail-Tribune demands that the law be amended to remove the "joker" in the present statute which puts this hobble on the PUC. We shall have to await a decision of the Supreme Court on this question of law. The issue of whether the PUC can order restoration of service following a hearing remains unsettled, too.

What doesn't seem to occur to Editor Ruhl is that if a hearing is held respecting passenger service to Southern Oregon the facts would not justify the PUC in ordering its resumption. There is no virtue to the company or value to the public in running empty passenger trains back and forth across the landscape. Most of the people travel to and from that section by private car or stage or airplane. The communities are getting better mail and express service now by motor truck than they were before by train.

Southern Oregon has more at stake in the cost and quality of the freight service it gets from the Southern Pacific. The region is a heavy shipper of fruits, forest products, products of mines. Its location puts it at some disadvantage as far as freight rates are concerned. Its major concern should be to obtain the lowest possible freight rates, and it ought to oppose such extravagance as passenger service provided at heavy deficit. What is lost on this service has to be made up by higher freight rates.

We can understand that a community which has had passenger trains since the rails first came in, suffers in its pride to have them discontinued. The test though is use: and since the old Rogue River train was used so very little there seems to be no sound reason to restore it. That, we predict, will be the finding of the PUC if a hearing on the question is held.

Tax Cut Talk "Premature"

Rep. Daniel A. Reed threw some cold water on pre-session talk of a tax cut in 1956. He called such talk premature and said it may be overly optimistic because of need for continued high spending for defense purposes, While Reed is not now the chairman of ways and means, he is the top minority member. and he has a good many on that committee who think as he does.

Most of the talk about a tax cut stems from jockeying for political position in 1956. That will still go on when Congress meets But before making promises of cuts and starting quarrels over who is to be favored Congress should wait and see what the income-outgo picture is about eight months

Exhibitions of steam threshing rigs were held the past few days, one at the Harvey Mikkleson place near Silverton and another on the Rodney Pitts farm near Canby. Mikkleson has 15 of the old steamers and Pitts five. (Wonder if the latter has one of the old Buffalo Pitts engines.) Grain threshing by stationary separator with power supplied by a wood or coal burning steam engine is a rarity now, but some are still in service. The advantage of this type of operation is that the grain "cures" in the shock after it is cut and before it is threshed so it is better matured; also the straw is in one pile instead of scattered about the fields as in using a combine. Labor cost, though, is higher.

Former President Harry Truman made a Democratic speech at a Labor Day celebration in Detroit and Sen. Wayne Morse performed the same public service at a CIO picnic at Los Angeles. Both berated the Eisenhower administration. Labor Day, however, has for the most part become just another holiday. Some in public position issue statements, while workers and their families use the long weekend for the last filip of a vacation before the kids have to go back to

Justice Department Appears Reluctant to **Prosecute Turnabout Commie Witnesses**

By JOSEPH ALSOP

-WASHINGTON - An important new trend has clearly started in the country. It is marked, for instance, by the attention that is being given to the Fund for the Republic's cool, factual but utterly devastating report on the work-

Only a ffew instances need be cited to show what can happen when the country really decides that the worthy end of suppressing the Communist conspiracy does not justify unworthy and un-

constitutional means. Consider, for example the all but incredible inner history of the famous case of Dr. John P. Peters.

Dr. Peters, professor at the Joseph Alsop Yale Medical School, had been refused security clearance for a classified government project. He took his case to court on one ground and one ground only. As is the almost unvarying practice in security cases, he had not been permitted to confront those who accused him of subversive activities and-or associations. This, he declared, was grossly uncon-

Inevitably, this direct challenge come, to the Constitutionality of established security procedures became an issue of high policy in the Justice Department. The primary responsibility for deciding the issue naturally fell upon the Eisenhower administration's able and courageous Solicitor General, Simon Sobeloff. And although it may be speciously denied, it is an undoubted fact that Solicitor General Sobeloff informed his chief, Attorney General Herbert Frank Lowell Watson, has de-Brownell, that Dr. Peters had the clared that in the case of the Constitution entirely on his side. radio station owner, Edward suaded Brownell to confess error, request of Government attorneys

have acquired an immense vested to avoid any accusation of actual abuses. Sobeloff was informed that Brownell would not keep his promise. The Solicitor General thereupon flatly refused to sign the Government's brief against Peters. He further pleaded with ings of our so-called security sys- Brownell not to sign the brief either, and there is some evi-

dence that Brownell hesitated

long before doing so. As the world knows, the Supreme Court finally ducked the great Constitutional question raised by Dr. Peters, and decided in his favor on other grounds. But the real point of the inner history of the Peters case lies in the fact that Sobeloff is still Solicitor General, and has now been nominated by President Eisenhower as Judge of the Fourth Circuit of the U. S. Court of Appeals.

In other words, the chief legal officer of the American Government, who has now been proposed by the President for a very high place on the bench, is a man who believes that perhaps the most prominent feature of the existing security system is grossly and patently unconstitutional. The Attorney General knows that his Solicitor General holds this belief, and he knew it when he approved Sobeloff's nomination to the bench. That, one might say, is proof enough of how far we have

But there is much other proof, too. Consider, for instance, the matter of the so-called turnabout witnesses. Great efforts have been made to convey the impression that the ex-Communist Harvey Matusow is the only one of the Government's more conspicuous hired informers who has recanted his past testimony.

In fact, however, at least one At first Sobeloff in fact per- Lamb, he gave testimony at the by refusing to contest Peters' which he knew at the time was suit. Then Brownell was over- false testimony. Watson, who

interest in the security system's subornation of his perjury, has not been brought to trial.

Another confessed false witness in the Lamb case, Mrs. Marie Natzig, has been tried and convicted-but not for her original perjury, but rather because her confession charged that her perjury had been suborned. Matusow, like Mrs. Natzig, is to be tried, not for the perjury he has confessed, but for declaring that his perjury was suborned.

The cases of several more anti-Communist informers have been officially referred to the Justice Department for investigation of perjury, because of extremely flagrant, and disturbing conflicts. Most important, probably, is the case of Manning Johnson, former No. 2 man on the list of the Government-hired informers and professional witnesses. Investigation of Johnson was requested because of his testimony impugning the

loyalty of Dr. Ralph Bunche. No visible action has been taken by the Justice Department in any of these cases, including one in which the fact of the perjury has been officially admitted by the Justice Department Itself. The rule almost seems to be that perjury is all very well as long as it is the right kind of perjury. No wonder, then, that the new public tendency to think of means as well as ends has deeply alarmed the lickspittles of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and the others who have made a good thing out of the period of hysteria which has produced the result abovenoted. These people are now bitterly denouncing the Fund for the Republic and all other persons and groups who dare to say the Constitution of the United States means what it says. But the note of fear in their clamor is easy to detect. What they fear, quite obviously, is that the President, who did so much to calm the hysteria. will take the next logical step of reforming the monstresity we now

call a security system. (Copyright, 1988, New York Herald Telbune, Inc.) LOOK TO YOUR OARS



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is by no means impossible for Russian leaders to return to the rigors of authoritarianism both at home and in the satellites. That Poland escaped much of the repression which was visited on Czechoslovakia and other satellites was due, thinks Harsch, to its prime interest in maintaining a strong military position across Poland, the old route of invading armies. It accepted certain realities in Poland for that reason. And to continue to hold this defense line "Moscow may be forced to permit more latitude in economic and political systems."

This to be sure is a wide and risky straddle. How can the USSR, dedicated to its own brand of Communism, permit its captive states to share in the economic processes and returns of capitalism and telerate a measure of bourgeois morality and such an anti-Communist institution as the Roman Catholic church, and prevent infection from spreading into the homeland? And would not the government in Poland be only nominally Communist if it made such compromises? (That would not be new. In this country the Democrats under FDR became nationalists and the Republicans started burning incense to Thomas Jefferson.)

The truth is fundamental, however, that over the long pull conditions tend toward a level. Iron Curtains succumb finally to corrosions of time and change. As Harsch writes: "the laws of political and economic gravity will not tolerate a perpetuation of the present state of affairs in Eastern Europe.

We cannot assume that the victory is complete. The pressure is still on the West to prove the continuing superiority of its economic and social systems over those based on Marxian dialectics as warped by the theorists of the Lenin-Stalin age in Russia. In this the savof economic strength is quite as important as holding a strong military position.

More than 43 per cent of the 1954 graduating class in South Dakota high schools attended col-

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Time Flies:

The tribute - which included the nation's highest for valorwas paid Jonathan M. Wainwright for the brilliant defense of doomed Corregidor fortress in Manila bay.

A bit of soil from Oregon's state capitol grounds mingles with that from 47 other states in "Homesick Hill," created by men of the navy and coastguard stationed at navy receiving station in the Philippines. Gov. Earl Snell sent the little box of earth upon the request of sailors stationed there.

Lt. Carlton B. Greider, who left the position at Salem YMCA education director to physical enter the marine corps and was blinded by a sniper's bullet at Tinian, was speaker at the Salem Rotary club.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 7, 1930

The DuPont powder near Wichita Heights, a small oil field town, nine miles north of Wichita. Kas., exploded rocking towns and villages within an area of 50 miles. Approximately 1000 quarts of nitroglycerine were stored in the powder magazine.

After setting a world record for endurance bicycle riding, Silverton's quartet of riders succumbed to the flat tire menace. The local team started riding August 22. The group consisted of Billy Gates, Jean Hobart, Louis Patterson and Billy Kleeb. The struggle between China

and the Irish free state for a seat at the league council table at Geneva, when the Chinese delegation notified the assembly that a proposal to make China eligible for reelection to the council would be filed. China's temporary tenure of the seat expired two years ago.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 7, 1915

J. Miyagawa, a journalist of Nagasaki, Japan, is in the city on the last lap of an 8000 mile journey afoot through the United States and Canada. He is making the trip securing impressions of America and Americans to be incorporated into a book. Plans and specifications for the

portable arches to be used on festive occasions had been completed by Architect Fred A. Legge. The arches will be used by the State fair and are 50 feet

By Lichty

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"Just say we're loafing! . . . deliberately making it run into

more money! . . . But don't say we don't know what we're

10 Years Ago Sept. 7. 1945

wide and 15 feet high, painted white and bearing the word Welcome.

Statesman Files

The fifth annual opening of the French Shop, the well known several years the French shop to make, further concessions. has been at 165 North Liberty In such a program, the time they now occupies the place).

SER WWW.compressors and recom-

They Invited It To the Editor:

a musement, commenting on tained Americans, or whether the Democratic chief Paul M. Butler Reds just hate to admit they have and Sec. Douglas McKay toss been wrong and are trying to give hot verbal blows.

torial, we have been aware of many questions of the day. a strike at local auto agencies we have made no attempt to Chamber to the controversy.) And neither do I pass judgment, but it seems to me you seized the exact time Open Busy and opportunity to lambaste both labor and Democrat party Fall Season

It is time for labor and small business to stand up and be to me, "Always remember, my within the next 10 days, boy, a man is worthy of his

and by the same token I do not as first speaker. believe in big interests mergers U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad will and complete control. Some call speak on the following Monday. it free enterprise. So when the a commodity to be used at will, year's work. Each division of

other to offset each other. J. K. Cloyd

993 S. 12th St.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Try and stop me if you can, but I'll win out in the

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "foreign"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hyacinth, huri-

cane, humorist, humidor? What does the word "laudable" mean? ANSWERS

1. Say, "Try to stop me if you can, but I'll eventually win." 2. Pronounce the o as in on, not as in for. 3. Hurricane. 4. Praiseworthy "Every man should be engaged in some laudable pursuit.

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China's Motive State Teacher In Release of Yanks Hidden

By J. M. ROBERTS AP News Analyst

There's something odd about the way the Chinese Reds are handling the release of American citizens. gon schools for the fall term deenough, but the reasons for it are

First they released American military personnel who had not been age was not confined to Oregon accused of crimes, then those who and referred to many other states had been convicted. Now they are which are having similar diffireleasing civilians in the same ord- culty. Particularly difficult to

anxious to get around to an en- tricts, officials averred. tirely different field of discussions

been offered, but the Reds give no real clues themselves. Some- tributed largely to the increase times they appear afraid of the in enrollment in Oregon schools stories the repatriates will tell, this year and the fact that many such as the torture stories told by teachers have accepted positions the fliers. They may hope the stor- in private industry where the pay ies of those more leniently treat- is higher. It also was pointed ed will help leaven world reaction. out that teachers graduating It's a tossup, though, as to wheth- from Oregon colleges of educaer spreading the stories over a pe- tion and other institutions are riod of months isn't worse for the fewer than anticipated. Reds than one burst of agony. One objective, and one that

seems to me to be more likely. Alteration Job terminable pattern for all talks in which the Reds engage, as in the On Front Street Korean truce negotiations. This gives them a background for long Property Okehed talks, without action, in the expected negotiations on reduction of ten-

t at international communism, hav- Brown said the project will ing been forced by the threat of provide more office space for as a weapon of expansion, now which is leasing the propert

of neutralization and infiltration. St., was given a permit to mil : duce an atmosphere of relaxation Art Friesen was authorized to millinery establishment of this among their opponents, the Com- build a \$10,000 house at 1006 city, is to be held in its new munists may realize that they Pali Dr. A permit also went to location at 359 State Street. For are going to have to make, or seem Robert Harris for \$400 in porch

Street. (Montgomery Ward store now occupies the place). can put between concessions might be very important.

They have made two already-in State Pen Inmates Austria, and by a more passive at titude toward Formosa. A third move toward seeming cooperation. Hughes night revue at the State in the field of peaceful uses of Fair entertained inmates of the atomic energy, probably does them Oregon State Penitentiary Tuesday more good than harm. Another afternoon. move toward the appearance of cooperation, without any actual valuable concessions, is expected to
institution. The program included result from negotiations with the the 12-Morris-Kahn dancers, state

I read your Editorial with fect the Geneva negotiations on dea judicious appearance to their ac-While you say in your Edi-tions, is just another of the so-

Salem Chamber of Commerce counted, what labor needs is will usher in its busy fall seamore jobs and less dole. As son with two luncheon programs Senator Bob LaFollette once said and four major division meetings Weekly membership luncheons

will resume Monday at the Marion While I don't believe in union Hotel, with Warden Clarence T. merger, and complete control. Gladden of the State Penitentiary

Starting this coming Monday individual loses his or her initia. also will be a series of four major tive by being unable to compete division meetings in the Courthe or she becomes a machine or house, to organize the coming

But as long as we have one some 50 chamber members will monopoly we must have the appoint committees with specific assignments. Chamber Manager Stanley Grove and State Travel Manager Carl Jordan will go to Mt. Rainier Thursday for a three-day Pacific

Northwest Travel Association con-

BEEHIVE BANK FAILS McARTHUR, Ohio @ - Art

Largent used a beehive for a bank and got stung. But the bees weren't to blame. He put \$800 of his savings in a glass jar and hid it in a beehive. Someone stole \$400 from the jar.

Shortage Said Being Solved

Progress is being made in filling teacher vacancies in the Ore-The pattern seems to be clear spite the teacher shortage that now exists, state education department officials said Tuesday,

Officials said the teacher shortfill are specialized positions in Yet the Reds are represented as some of the larger school dis-

Approximately 2,000 teachers at Geneva, involving the broad is- in the Oregon schools this year sues of conflict between Peiping will operate under emergency and Washington. If this is true, certificates. Under these certifiwhy don't they go ahead and re- cates they are not required to lease all the Americans, or all they comply with the maximum reintend to, and get down to busi- quirements of the Oregon education laws. Issuance of these emergency certificates has been Various speculative answers have in progress for several years.

The teacher shortage was at-

Authorization for \$1,500 alterations on property at 215 N. Front Street was granted Tuesday by This would fit in with the theory, the city engineer's office to ownheld by many if not most experts, ers Keith Brown and Asel Eoff.

extinction to turn away from force the Bureau of Land Management, wants time to develop a new war Bishop's store, 147 N. Liberty To get this time, and to pro-\$200 repairs on its office and

Revue Entertains

alterations at 711 N. 16th St.

Whether these things actually afgrounds grandstand.



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